M E M O R A N D U M

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SUBJECT : Comments on Volumes 1-4, 6, 7 (pp. 1-359), 8-10 of printed record

Attached is a list of passages from the record which you will wish to consider for possible deletion. I have noted much which undoubtedly should not be taken from the record, but have starred (*) those passages which warrant serious consideration as to their removal. In the final group I have listed some miscellaneous matters which should be checked to insure completeness of the record. Many exhibits have not yet been properly made a part of the record, but I would assume that a check as to each exhibit will be made before the Commission concludes its work.

Attachment

I. Passages which if published might involve invasions of the privacy of the witness or which may be thought to be unjustifiably offensive, insulting or defamatory of some person other than the witness, and which may be of insufficient relevance to justify their publication.

	Vol.	Page	
	I :	167	Marguerite Oswald: "Reverend French did not show up" to perform funeral services for LHO.
*	I :	239	Marguerite: Father of Carol, or Karen, co-employee of Marguerite at Royal Clothiers in Fort Worth, "was one of the biggest gangsters in Fort Worth, Tex." He was killed by other gangsters.
	I :	346, 420	Mr. Robert Oswald: Didn't like Mrs. Paine, and suspected her of complicity in assassination.
*	III :	133	Mrs. Paine: Reasons for her separation from her husband.
*	III :	237	Mr. Truly: [redacted]
	III :	336	Mr. Scoggins: When 17 or 18, he was arrested for stowing away on a tugboat.
	VI :	214	Mrs. Hill expressed reluctance to have her 'twang' her being kidded about it publicized.
	VI :	247	Mr. Holland asked that we not publish his statement that official cars park on railroad property because someone 'might get in trouble.
*	VI :	321	Inspector Sawyer: Charles Givens has previous record for narcotics violations.
*	VI :	435	Mrs. Roberts: To her sorrow, she was unable to bear children. She is not working for a man who has cancer.

*	VII : 15	Mr. Burroughs: He failed the Selective Service mental examination.
*	VII : 83	Mr. William Smith: He has been convicted of auto theft.
*	VII : 86	Mr. George Applin: He has been convicted of burglary.
*	VII : 131-32, 171-72, 200-01, 242	Should the names of those being held by the police who were included in the line-up with Oswald be deleted (leaving their physical descriptions)? One of these men (Lujan) testifies at VI:243-46.
	VIII : 5	Mr. Voebel: The Neumeyer brothers were "ruffians, real punk-type guys."
	VIII : 23	Mrs. Bennierita Smith: Robin Riley was "a kind of smart alec. . . ." VIII:27. It was rumored that students at Warren Easton took dope.
*	VIII : 30-31 delete	Mr. O'Sullivan: Captain Ferrie, arrested in connection with assassination, was previously accused of violating some vice laws, possibly having to do with homosexuals.
	VIII : 144	Mrs. Murret: Her daughter Joyce "can't have any children." (VIII:153 Her other daughter Marilyn "doesn't want to get married.")
*	VIII : 156	Mrs. Murret: The Junior University of New Orleans is delinquent in paying its debts.
*	VIII : 253	Mr. Delgado: The bartender at the Flamingo bar, outside of Tijuana, visited by Oswald, was a homosexual.
	VIII : 258	Mr. Delgado: NCO Funk a bad leader and dislil by his men.
	VIII : 319	David Murray, Jr.: Delgado was immature, had few original thoughts, & was a show-off.

IX : 8 deleted	Mr. Raigorodsky: He doesn't like priest at St. Nicholas
* X : 73 deleted	Mr. Steele:
X : 80	Mr. Geraci: He informed FBI of his friend /Carlos Bringuier/'s activities. Mr. Geraci requested generally that his remarks not be publicized.
X:250, 260	Mr. and Mrs. Tobias re Mr. Tobias' injuries in auto accident; Mr. Tobias states he was and always has been "goofy-headed."
X : 287	Mr. Barnhorst: Joseph Hummel, resident at YMCA who allegedly knew Oswald, of low intelligence and "no end of trouble to me."
X : 368	Mr. Davis: Mr. Slack "is just a temperamental hothead."

Marguerite Oswald also made the following remarks disparaging of others:

I : 130-31, 188	(Criticizing Senator Tower's reported remarks); I:141 (criticizing audacity of Nixon); I:142, 165 (persons Marguerite states have information regarding Oswald's security connections); I:178 (disparaging references to Bobby Baker, Charles Van Doren, Fred Korth)
IX : 66	Refusal of Dallas hospitals to treat Oswald baby when ill.

In addition, the record also contains numerous disparaging comments both about and by George DeMohrenschildt and his associates, and also some unflattering comment about other members of the Dallas Russian colony--for example, repeated references to Mr. Bouhe as a busybody, and the like. Although most of this is probably of too great relevance to permit omission, below there follows a list of the most egregarious comments relating to DeMohrenschildt:

DeMohrenschildt:

I : 396, II : 327; VIII : 337, 434, 458, 464 (Mr. Bogoyavlensky, former husband of DeMohrenschild's present wife, a former Communist), 438, 469-70, (Mr. Voshinin: Professor Zitkoff "can't stand" DeMohrenschildt or his wife) IX : 13 (his second wife was required to pay him $30,000 upon their divorce); IX : 15, 17, 19; IX : 25 (confidential letter from John deMenil to Raigorodsky); IX : 98-102; IX : 120-124, IX : 164, IX : 170 (DeMohrenschildt voices request that reports be "conducted delicately") IX : 200, 201 (DeMohrenschildt describes litigation with former wife regarding custody of daughter); IX : 221, 245 (Mr. Dymitruk a "cuckoo nut;" see also 9 : 307); 9:292 (Mrs. DeMohrenschildt reveals that her husband's prank cost her her job, which he does not know to this time); 9:926 (Mrs. DeMohrenschildt describes former wife Didi as a very hateful person); X : 9-11;

III. Though I take it that everything about Lee Harvey Oswald is fair game and essential to a complete evaluation of the individual, because a question has been raised, attention should perhaps be directed to the references to him as a possible homosexual (VIII:270; VIII:319); to his affliction with gonorrhea (VIII:312-315); and to his unsatisfactory sexual relations with Marina (VIII: 396-397; VIII:423-424; IX:233; IX:252; IX:311; IX:313)

IV: The record contains repeated references to press inaccuracies, often referring to particular newspapers or particular reporters, which of course must remain. In addition, there is some testimony which is uncomplimentary of certain members of the press for other reasons, and though probably in the same category, should be noted.

I : 45	Marguerite Oswald: Life magazine reporters invaded privacy of Paine home after assassination.
I : 169	Marguerite Oswald: Mr. Blair Justice "very, very rude" to her.
II : 26	Mr. Martin: Saturday Evening Post offered to pay Marina for information not known to the Commission.
VI: 215, 219-20	Mrs. Hill: Mr. Featherstone of Dallas Times Herald unlawfully imprisoned her and Mary Norman immediately after the assassination and allegedly "stole" Miss Norman's camera and the film therein.

V. Though testimony critical of local police and federal law enforcement agents again seems a vital part of the record, the following passages should be noted:

I : 75, 79-80	(FBI suggested to Marina that she had better cooperate if she wished to stay in this country)
I : 129	(Secret Service has stolen documents from Marguerite)
I : 143	(Marguerite not allowed to see Oswald first day)
I : 160,161	(Secret Service took Marguerite's papers; refused to protect her at hospital)

I : 169 (Mike Howard and second Secret Service agent conspired with Marina in grand plot);

I : 244 (Marguerite mistreated at Six Flags)

I : 410,446 (FBI hard in interrogating Marina)

III : 80-81 (treatment of Marina and Paines immediately after assassination)

IX : 368-373 (testimony of Joe Molina regarding his apparently illegal arrest by Dallas police at 1:30 a.m., November 23, and his subsequent loss of his job)

VI. There is also a possible question as to the need or the seemliness of including in the record every word of medical testimony relating to the appearance of the President's body after the assassination. It is probably necessary, though unpleasant, to include the testimony regarding the medical student finding a piece of the head in the street the following day. But query whether it is also necessary to include a complete description of the President's underclothing, his brace, and even down to the fact of whether or not the President was wearing an Ace bandage under the brace at the time of his death.

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VII. The record ~~contains several~~ mild profanities, such as, e.g. reference to a "God-damn" object (II:74, III:221); to Oswald's reference to the State Department "as though they were a bunch of bastards" (II:396); to a witness' exact words as "No bull shit" (III:175), and "what the hell is going on? (III:353). "Bitches" also seems to be a favorite word of deMohrenschildt.

VIII. Miscellaneous possible deletions:

I : 126 Is there any reason to delete the testimony regarding the removal of Secret Service protection from Marina in light of Mr. Thorne's request that the matter be kept secret, at least temporarily?

II : 381 Does Mr. McCloy's apparently jocular remarks to Colonel Finch that he should be "just as truthful seated as standing" read as suggesting any doubts as to the Colonel's truthfulness?

III : 55-56 Does the colloquy among the members of the Commission as to who will be present to preside reflect adversely on the role assigned by the members to the work of the Commission?

III : 393-94	Is it clear that Mr. Frazier's testimony contains no information which the Italian government would consider confidential? Has this been cleared with the Italian government?
III : 438	Is there any reason not to give the Western Cartridge Company a plug in this record? See also III:455, 479 (.38 S & W Special)
IV : 182	Is there any reason not to publicize Chief Curry's statement that the Dallas police has infiltrated the Dallas extremist organization?
IV : 426-27	Is there any reason not to publish S/A Fain's reference to FBI informants in Fort Worth and Dallas?
IV : 447	Is there any reason not to disclose S/A Hosty's testimony that on October 25, 1963 he was advised that Oswald was in contact with the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City?
VI : 41, 49	Is there any reason (family or otherwise) not to publicize that the doctors withheld pronouncing the President's dead until last rites could be performed? Incidentally, the drafts thus far contain no reference to the last rites having been performed.
VI : 100	Is there any reason to withhold Dr. Gregory's prognostication that Governor Connally will retain a slight but permanent impairment? cf VI:108.
VII : 296	Does the discussion off the record suggest that something is being hidden?
IX : 1	Was the oath ever administered to Mr. Raigorodsky? Apparently not.
IX : 3	What is the card which Mr. Raigorodsky is not supposed to have? Any reason to delete this reference?
IX : 282-283	Is there any reason not to publish Mrs. Auchincloss' letter to deMohrenschildt?

XI: 419-420 Should the Commission disclose the senders, the recipients, and the amounts of the various money orders sent to persons at the Dallas YMCA having no relation to Oswald?

XII: Miscellaneous questions regarding the completeness of the record in minor respects:

I : 3 Are the inconsistencies in Marina's previous statements to which she refers ever clarified?

I : 117 Was Peter Gregory asked about Pagodzin's play, "Man with a Rifle?" Was Colovacher contacted?

I : 153 Was "Mr. Hart Odum" identified and deposed regarding picture of Ruby he allegedly showed Marguerite?

I : 493 Alleged telephone call checked out and negated on the record?

Does the record contain a statement from each and every federal intelligence and security agency expressly stating that Oswald was never employed by it as any type of agent?

I : 288-89 Does record contain anything regarding tracing of source of alleged donations to Marina?

II : 38 Does the record contain anything regarding alleged shooting of Warren Reynolds?

II : 60 Does record negate alleged Ruby-Tippit-Weissman meeting? Has Tippit's background been fully investigated and made of record?

II : 278 Did the teen-age boy (Milton Jones) who was a passenger on the bus with Oswald after the assassination testify?

Has a deposition been taken from Judge David Johnston, before whom Oswald was taken for a preliminary hearing?

Has further testimony been obtained as to the possibility that Marina wrote the signature on Exh. 819 (see IV:400)?

Are volumes 5-14 properly labelled as "Hearings" before the Commission?

Has Mr. Holland's testimony been fully pursued; e.g., has the station wagon (VI:243-44) been identified or at least described so as to eliminate Mrs. Paine's vehicle? Same question as to similar testimony of Mrs. Hill (VI:210), Mr. Craig (VI:266-67, 270). Was Fritz or anyone else questioned explicitly about alleged statements of Oswald testified to by Craig (VI:270)? Any background on Craig?

Have the results of the Frazier polygraph test been put into the record (see 7:192)?

Has Walter McBride been deposed (VIII:1818)? Roselean Quinn? Pavel (IX:145)? Yaiko (IX:246)?

Have the subscriber lists of American Russian-language publications been checked and put into the record? Have the loan records of the Fort Worth Library regarding Lee Harvey Oswald's loans (or the fact of the non-existence of any such records) been put into the record (VIII:371)?

X : 45, 47 Have Mr. Bringuier's assertions regarding Communist association and Castro's remarks been negated on the record?

All the affidavits read dates. Should the record also contain the form statement of the notary indicating that the affidavit was in fact sworn to before him? Should the record contain an explanation of the manner in which the affidavits were prepared for signature by the affiant?

X : 55	Have Dr. Reesaman and other possible Tulane contacts been developed on the record?
X : 312, 381	Who got his haircut with Oswald? Who drove him to the rifle range? Where did other gun come from?
X : 335	Where did Oswald get a check for $189?